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CZECHOSLOVAK PLANTS SHIP MACHINES
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The 10 January 1953 issue of the same paper states that the shipbuilding plants in Komarno fulfilled the 1952 plan by only about 80 percent. Barges had been built as planned, but the manufacture of passenger ships lagged. Only about 61 percent of the plan was met in the case of passenger ships. The article points out that never had such large ships been built there, and that the plant has a great deal of responsibility since these are intended for delivery to the USSR. Reasons given for the nonfulfillment included high absenteeism (about 19 percent), which was caused partially by poor bus and commuter service; and the large amount of idle time on the job, due to poor organization. In July 1952 this idle time amounted to 35 percent, and in December it amounted to 22 percent. Soviet technicians as well as Soviet machinery had been of great help in increasing the production of the plant. (4)

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The Bratislava 'Lud of 8 January 1953 reports that the machinery plant in Piesok /Brezno Okres/ has worked hard to complete its shipments to the USSR. Assembly-line methods have been introduced in order to standardize the quality of the products, and to make better, more economical use of the materials used. The plant manufactures steel rods, hollow steel parts and profiles, and sheet steel.(5)

According to Pravda of 10 February 1953, the enterprise Kablo in Bratislava fulfilled its shipments to the USSR by 100 percent in January. This plant expects to fill its quarterly quota for the USSR by 20 February.(6)

In the Bohumin Iron Works of Gustav Kliment at Ostrava, according to the Prague Mlada Fronta of 14 March 1953, the workers voluntarily changed to three shifts, to expedite an order for the USSR.

Though the plant does not produce exclusively for the USSR, shipments to the USSR are given priority. The rolling mill enterprise committee calls the workers together for conferences in order to devise means of processing each order as promptly as possible.

Recently this plant received an order for 50 tons of angle irons for the USSR. The irons in the rough were ready before the deadline, but the finer machining remained to be done. The workers volunteered to work three shifts instead of two, in order to finish the angle irons on time.(7)

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